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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08442.0002-04000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**Joseph C. CAUTHEN**

Application. No.: **10/085,040**

Filed: **March 1, 2002**

For: **INTERVERTEBRAL DISC  
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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2007, the period for response having been extended three months to September 7, 2007 by the Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the Amendment section of this paper.